



RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT RULES PROHIBITING ALCOHOL USE AND DISORDERLY BEHAVIOR AT WAIKIKI "FLOATILLA" EVENTS.

WHEREAS, the Waikiki "floatilla" is an impromptu event, typically occurring on holidays such as Independence Day or during spring break, that consists of thousands of people in various types of watercraft, such as motorized boats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and inflatable water toys, congregating in waters offshore of Waikiki Beach; and

WHEREAS, media reports indicate that during the Waikiki "floatilla" event on July 4, 2017, hundreds of event participants were rescued by City lifeguards, Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources ("DLNR") Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement ("DOCARE") officers, and U.S. Coast Guard crewmembers, and City paramedics and emergency medical technicians treated more than 20 people, 10 of whom were transported to emergency rooms in serious or critical condition due to intoxication or alcohol-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, despite the efforts of DOCARE officers on jet skis who warned event participants of applicable boating rules and the dangers of underage alcohol use, intoxicated persons under 21 years of age were among those requiring emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 26-15 authorizes the DLNR, headed by an executive Board of Land and Natural Resources, to manage and administer the coastal areas of the State, including boating, ocean recreation, and coastal areas programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Board of Land and Natural Resources approved an amendment to Hawaii Administrative Rules Section 13-256-73.13 that made permanent a ban on possession, use, or consumption of alcohol and disorderly behavior within the Ahu O Laka (Kaneohe Bay Sandbar) safety zone on designated weekends; and

WHEREAS, DLNR has reported that since the implementation of the foregoing rule, holiday weekend conditions at the Ahu O Laka (Kaneohe Bay Sandbar) have improved, and families have said they felt safer bringing their children to the area; and

WHEREAS, large gatherings of people and watercraft in a limited recreational space combined with the effects of alcohol consumption in an ocean environment pose significant public safety concerns; and



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WHEREAS, the Council believes that a prohibition on alcohol use and disorderly behavior at Waikiki "floatilla" events would address public safety concerns at such events; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources is urged to adopt rules prohibiting alcohol use and disorderly behavior at Waikiki "floatilla" events; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Mayor, and the Managing Director.

INTRODUCED BY:



DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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Introduced: 07/06/17 By: TREVOR OZAWA

Committee: PUBLIC HEALTH,
SAFETY AND WELFARE

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations


07/25/17 PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE CR-287 - RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.

08/09/17 COUNCIL CR-287 AND RESOLUTION 17-189 WERE ADOPTED.
7 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN,
MENOR.
2 ABSENT: OZAWA, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



RON MENOR, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER